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OPNAV INSTRUCTION 8023.23A

From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: PROCEDURES FOR SHIPBOARD EXPLOSIVES SAFETY INSPECTIONS

Ref: (a) NAVSAFECENINST 8020.1

Encl: (1) Sample Transmittal Form for Recommended Change(s)  
to Shipboard Explosives Safety Inspection Checklist

1. Purpose. To promulgate information concerning the Navy standards for conducting shipboard explosives safety inspections; to establish procedures for the conduct of such inspections; and to establish procedures for keeping the standards current.

2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 8023.23.

3. Applicability. This instruction is applicable to the conduct of shipboard explosives safety inspections by the Naval Sea Support Centers (NAVSEACENS), Atlantic and Pacific; to the shipboard assistance visits performed by Commander, U.S. Naval Air Force Pacific Fleet (COMNAVAIRPAC) Weapons Safety Assistance Team (WSAT) and the Atlantic Fleet Ordnance Handling Safety and Assistance Team (OHSAT); and to the shipboard safety surveys conducted by the Naval Safety Center (NAVSAFECEN).

4. Background. A standardized shipboard explosives safety inspection checklist has been issued by reference (a). Explosives safety inspections using this reference are to be conducted by the NAVSEACENS aboard all ships at intervals not to exceed 24 months. (R)

5. Action

a. The following procedures for the conduct and reporting of shipboard explosives safety inspections are assigned:

(1) Fleet Commanders in Chief (FLTCINCs) will establish the reporting procedures for these inspections and follow-up procedures for all discrepancies reported. Since the explosives safety inspections conducted using reference (a) will not include functional checks of magazine sprinkler systems or ammunition train safety interlocks, it will be ensured that such checks are conducted by other means.

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(2) The Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command (COMNAVSEA-SYSCOM) will:

(a) Provide the necessary support to the NAVSEACENS to allow shipboard explosives safety inspections to be conducted on all naval ships at intervals not to exceed 18 months.

(b) Standardize the NAVSEACEN's reporting procedures and report formats for shipboard explosives safety inspections and semi-annual reports of discrepancies, as discussed in paragraph 5a(4).

(c) Provide corrective follow-up on shipboard explosives safety design discrepancies documented by the explosives safety inspection reports.

(d) Annually, not later than 30 June, provide the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) (OP-41) with a prioritized listing of major explosives safety discrepancies which require immediate corrective action. Copies will be provided to the FLTCINCs, Type Commanders (TYCOMS), NAVSAFECEN (Code 43), and the NAVSEACENS.

(3) All Type Commanders will:

R) (a) Schedule shipboard explosives safety inspections for their ships at intervals which shall not exceed 24 months or once each deployment cycle, whichever is more frequent. These inspections will be coordinated with the appropriate NAVSEACEN as necessary. In this regard every effort should be made to combine these inspections with other scheduled inspections (including NAVSAFECEN inspections or Combat Systems Readiness Reviews, when appropriate) in order to reduce the administrative burden on the inspected units. Ships should have their service/cargo ammunition on board during these inspections.

(b) Follow-up on all discrepancies reported by shipboard explosives safety inspections. Those discrepancies that can be corrected by ship's force should be accomplished as soon as possible. Those items which are discrepancies as a result of design problems should be corrected at the first opportunity during overhaul or the next inport availability.

(4) The Naval Sea Support Centers will:

(a) Conduct shipboard explosives safety inspections as scheduled by the Type Commanders, using reference (a) as a basis for the inspection.

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(b) Prepare reports of the shipboard explosives safety inspections, forwarding them as prescribed by the appropriate FLTCINC, and providing copies to COMNAVSEASYSKOM (SEA-06H), NAVSAFECEN (Code 43), and other commands as necessary. (A)

(c) Annually, not later than 31 December, submit a generalized listing of the frequency of discrepancies by category observed during shipboard explosives safety inspections to the appropriate FLTCINC, with copies to TYCOMS involved, CNO (OP-41), COMNAVSEASYSKOM (SEA-06H), and NAVSAFECEN (Code 43). (R)

(5) The Naval Safety Center will:

(a) Issue and keep current reference (a). (R)

(b) During shipboard safety surveys, use reference (a) and report discrepancies observed to the activity requesting the survey. This report is exempt from the reporting and follow-up requirements of paragraph 5a(1). (R)

b. Procedures for periodic review and update of the reference (a) are as follows:

(1) The Naval Safety Center will:

(a) Bienially, not later than 31 December of even numbered years, solicit recommended changes to reference (a) from FLTCINCS, TYCOMS, COMNAVSEASYSKOM, and the NAVSEACENS. (R)

(b) Upon receipt of recommended changes to reference (a), prepare and distribute a proposed revised checklist for review and comments by the addressees listed above.

(c) Upon final compilation of all recommendations to these proposed changes, prepare and submit the revised checklist to COMNAVSEASYSKOM. In the event that two or more commands have differing opinions on an item, attempts will be made to resolve the differences informally. When this is not possible, all differing opinions will be set forth in detail and be included as an enclosure to the proposed revised checklist. After the checklist is received back from COMNAVSEASYSKOM (see paragraph 5b(2)), issue the necessary changes to reference (a). (R) (A)


(2) The Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command, as the technical authority for naval explosives safety, will review all proposed revisions to the checklist for accuracy, resolve any differences of opinions, and return the revised list to NAVSAFECEN. (R)

(3) All activities involved will, when recognizing a need for a change or when queried by NAVSAFECEN, submit recommended changes to reference (a), using the sample format provided in enclosure (1). A copy will be provided to the appropriate TYCOM, COMNAVSEASYSKOM, and the appropriate NAVSEACEN.

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6. Reports. Symbol OPNAV 8023-7 is assigned to the report required by paragraph 5a(2)(d) and Symbol OPNAV 8023-8 is assigned to the report required by paragraph 5a(4)(c). These reports are approved for three years only from the date of this directive.

  
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From:

To: Commander, Naval Safety Center (Code 43)

Subj: RECOMMENDED CHANGE(S) TO SHIPBOARD EXPLOSIVES SAFETY  
INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 8023.23A

1. In accordance with reference (a), recommended the following  
change(s):

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Section	Item No.	Recommended Change(s) and Reason(s)
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2. Originator (Name)	Rank/Rate or Grade and Title
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3. Supervisor (Name)	Rank/Rate or Grade and Title
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4. Ship and Hull No./Activity and Address
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